

MINERS STILL LIVE AND THEIR FRIENDS START TO RESCUE

Perilous Task to Find the Entombed Men and Dig Them Out.

MUST SEARCH IN DARKNESS

Danger of Explosion Makes It Impossible to Use Any Lights on the Trip

WADE AND GROPE THEIR WAY

Air-Tight Cans and Drinking Water With Nourishing Food Being Laboriously Carried to the Imprisoned Men—Many Are Idle.

The seven entombed miners at the Berwin-White mine at Foustwell, in Somerset county, Pa., are said to be still alive, and a party of their comrades started to their rescue under great difficulty this afternoon. Extraordinary precautions have been taken to save the lives of the men.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., April 30.—"Still alive" is the report brought to the surface this morning by the rescuing party that has been trying to reach the seven men who have been imprisoned in the Berwin-White mine at Foustwell, Somerset county, since last Friday, by a rush of water that filled all the headings of the mines. Without food or water, the men have been able to make known that they were not drowned, by tapping on compressed air pipes, signals that had renewed the vigor of the men working at pumps to empty the mine sufficiently to enable the men to be brought out.

Nine pumps have been at work since last Friday night, and yesterday another one of immense size was added to the equipment. Chugging away, these ten pumps are emptying the mine at the rate of 2,000 gallons a minute, and this morning it was expected that by early afternoon the men would be reached.

Physicians are at the mine mouth, while groups of miners and their families, with friends of men thought to be among the imprisoned, gather about until weary with the watch for something definite in the way of news of the men, dispersing to their homes only to return in a short while.

Preparations for Treatment.
Upon the advice of the physicians preparations have been made for the treatment of the men as soon as they are reached. When the water has receded to a level permitting a man to wade into the mine with even his head above water, one man will be sent in with water, as this, the physicians say, the men will need most. Liquid food will also be taken in to them. This will be done, according to the physician in charge, as it is expected the men will be too weak to wade through the water, and they would be in danger of falling and drowning.

Cots and Bedding.
Cots, bandages and bedding have been placed in a tool house near the mouth of the mine, and a temporary hospital prepared to cope with any injuries or illness there may have suffered has been made of the building.

Today for the first time since the accident the relatives of the imprisoned men became skeptical, and to reassure them as to the nature of the tapplings heard, a party of foreigners was conducted into the mine to spot where it could be demonstrated that the sounds came from the men behind the water, and were not made by the rescuers above to deceive.

The mines closed down today, in consequence of which many men are idle. It is feared they may attempt violence against persons responsible for blasting through into the water-filled working in case their fellow-workmen are found to be dead.

Started in the Mine.
At 12:30 p.m. four men started into the mine in an effort to reach their unfortunate colleagues. They were forced to wade, and in a crouching position, as the passage was but four feet high. There was sufficient room between the water and the roof to give a clear space for the men's heads. One of the four was a brother of Michael Holva, the foreman, who is one of the unfortunate. Slung across the shoulders of the rescuers were air-tight cans carrying drinking water and nourishing food in liquid form.

Wading to their Necks.
Wading up to their necks in black and muddy water these men, treading and stooping, will have a mile to traverse before reaching the heading, where the prisoners are said to be located. Through the dark tunnels their way can be found only by feeling along the rough walls, as lights cannot be used for fear of gas explosions.

The party was sent in for fear that the unfortunate would attempt to come out in their enfeebled condition, and meet with further accident. At the mouth of the mine is a crowd of men ready to follow the four that have already started. These gangs will be sent in as soon as the water will permit of bringing a body out. The progress of the four rescuers will necessarily be slow, and it is expected to be well toward night before any report will be heard from them.

\$10,000 Damage at Covington, Tenn.
MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 30.—A dispatch from Covington, Tenn., says a wind and electrical storm there last night did damage to the amount of \$10,000. Several small houses and sheds suffered damage. Three sheds of a company company were demolished. There was no loss of life.

THUG, BUT DIED GAME

It Took Twelve Policemen to Kill Desperado.

HAD MURDERED COMRADE

Member of a Notorious Gang in New York.

DARED ALL OF THE OFFICERS

When They Surrounded the House He Told Them to Come in and Get Him.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, April 30.—Tom Donahue got his this morning. For more than a month the police have been after him for the killing of "Black" Hanlon, another member of the notorious Harlem market gang, and twice they have missed him when they thought they had him. But this morning they ran him down surrounded on the roof of the extension of a Harlem tenement house, and though he had two guns in his hands and one in his pocket, they dropped him with a .38 through his right lung. When they started to take him to the Harlem Hospital, with the blood running down the front of his sweater, he said: "Well, if the jig's up, the jig's up," and it looks as if for once Tom Donahue was right.

There is a crowd of young men in Harlem that goes by the name of the "Harlem market gang." In the day time they are nothing but a bunch of loungers around cheap pool rooms, whom one notices only because their hands are yellow from cigarette smoke. When night comes, however, they are a different proposition. After the free lunches close and they begin to get hungry they are dangerous individuals to meet on the streets.

Shot Him Down.

Frank Furlong, who just "went to the chair" at Sing Sing, was a member of this gang, and Thomas Donahue, twenty years old, is one of the star members. On March 23 he had the misfortune to "croak a man" and get nothing for it except revenge. He had had a fight with Buck Hanlon of the "Harlem market gang," and he caught him in the doorway of 313 East 10th street and shot him down. Buck died in the Harlem hospital soon after that, and that time Tom Donahue has been lying low.

Three weeks ago Detective "Jimmy" Hannan of East 124th street found out that Donahue was in a dance hall on 2d avenue near 124th street. He went in to arrest him, but when he tried to get a blackjack on the back of his head, when the crowd broke away from him Donahue was going out the back window with a gun in either hand.

Hannan Was Too Late.

Hannan fired at him, but he was too late and he escaped. Early this morning they received news of him again. Word came to Lieut. Thompson of East 164th street station that the much-wanted Donahue could be found asleep in the tenement at 237 3d avenue, which is in an orderly neighborhood. Thompson sent a sergeant and the eight men of East 164th street station to get him, and they loosened their guns in their tight hip pockets before they started. On the way they picked up Day and Zickler and McCracken of the East 160th street station and took them along with them.

When they got to 237 3d avenue of them went around through the other houses and looked at the back of the house. The others went up the stairs through the front hall. The door of the room where Donahue was supposed to be sleeping had two glass panels, and was barricaded so that the shoulders of the four policemen could not budge it. So they pounded on it and told Donahue to open it.

Come in and Get Me.

"Go to —," he said. "Come in and get me." Then he opened fire and six shots came through the glass panel in the direction of the policemen's voices.

They kept at it, however, and were making some progress toward getting the door down when Donahue tried the back window and dropped eight feet to an extension which ran out from the first story of the building. When the policemen who were in the back yard first saw him he had a gun in each hand, and when he saw them he let loose another fusillade of shots.

Then he started over toward the house next door, with eight policemen in the way taking pot shots at him as he went. When he saw he was headed in that direction he turned around and started the other way. There, too, was a line of policemen with revolvers which spoke him. Then he stopped, picked up a policeman near the back fence, took careful aim, and he was shot through the forehead, his hands and fell off the roof into a heap on the ground.

Thought He Was Done.

"You can all go to —," he said when the policemen came around him. Then he shut his eyes and they thought he was done. He wasn't though, for as they leaned over to grab him he reached down into a trousers pocket and pulled out a third gun. The other two were out of reach. He was too weak by that time to be able to use it, and they got it away from him without much trouble.

Then they started to walk Donahue to the station house, but when he got half way there he collapsed and they had to get an ambulance to meet them when they got there.

The bullet which had sent him spinning off the roof had hit him in the back, gone through his right lung and stopped just against his breast bone. When Dr. Schiff of the Harlem Hospital got there he said that Donahue didn't have much chance to live.

"Is there anything you want to say then?" asked the lieutenant.

"Nothing," said Donahue, "except that if the jig is up, I for one don't care." Then they took him away to the hospital. A little later he had died.

FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER.

John Hamlin to Hang for Killing Rachel Engle.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 30.—A special to the Star from Grand Island, Neb., today says that John Hamlin, who has been on trial for several days for the murder of Rachel Engle of that city, has been found guilty of murder in the first degree, with punishment fixed at hanging. Miss Engle was thirteen years old.



FOREMAN INSTANTLY KILLED

B. AND O. EMPLOYE STRUCK BY RAILWAY ENGINE.

Had Warned Others of Approach of Train, but Failed to Escape Himself.

An accident occurred on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad crossing at Mills avenue, Langdon, this morning, shortly before 10 o'clock, resulting in the death of George Pick, who was employed as foreman of a gang of laborers. The foreman warned the laborers, about twenty in number, of the approach of a northbound train, and the latter hurried from the track to let the train pass. Pick, who was anxious to assure the safety of his men, neglected to look out for himself, and remained where he was, in the way of an incoming train. Whistles were blown and bells were sounded, but he failed to get out of the way. The heavy engine struck him, tearing off the top of his head and hurling his body about fifty or seventy-five feet down the track.

The men who were working under Pick ran to his assistance, but they soon found he was dead. They cared for his body until the arrival of the police. A message was sent to the ninth precinct station announcing the fatal accident, and later the remains were removed to the morgue.

Trusted Employee.
Pick, who was forty-six years of age, had been in the employ of the railroad company for a number of years, his work having been so satisfactory that he was made foreman. This morning he was superintending the work of putting in new rails, and it was his duty to warn the laborers of the approach of trains. When he heard the outgoing train approaching he shouted to his men: "Get out of the way."

Members of Pick's family were notified of his death. This afternoon the body was placed in a casket and was taken to Baltimore, where the funeral will probably take place from his family home, 1217 Patuxent street, Friday morning.

ATTEMPT AT ASSASSINATION.

Dynamite Bomb Exploded Near President Cabrera's Carriage.

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, April 30.—An attempt was made early today on the life of President Estrada Cabrera. While out driving a dynamite bomb exploded near his carriage, killing the horses and wounding Gen. Orellana, the chief of staff. The calmness of the president, who was not injured, is universally commended, and the would-be assassins are condemned on all sides.

The Guatemalan consul general at New York, Dr. Bengoechea, received today the following official dispatch from Foreign Minister Barris informing him of the attempt on the life of President Cabrera: "This morning at 8 o'clock and at the time that the president of the republic was passing, a bomb was exploded in one of the streets of the capital. Fortunately, high functionary was not hurt in this criminal attempt, and orders have already been given that the proper investigation of this crime be undertaken. The only persons who were wounded were the chief of the general staff of the president, Gen. Jose Marie Orellana, and the coachman. Public order is maintained unaltered."

(Signed) "BARRIOS."

Cabrera was elected president of Guatemala September 9, 1898, succeeding President Barrios, and in March, 1905, he assumed the presidency for a second term. He was said to be very unpopular; was reported to have been shot at and wounded.

FAVORABLE FOR FORAKER

POLITICAL COMMENT ON CHAIRMAN BROWN'S ATTITUDE.

"Show Down" in Ohio Not to Be Made in November—Strength of Taft's Boom.

Ohio politicians in town say that the stand taken by Republican State Chairman Brown in opposition to calling for a primary show down on the Foraker-Taft contest on the day of the municipal elections next November is first blood for Foraker. They argue that to begin with it was Senator Foraker's wish not to confound the national and municipal issues, and secondly, Chairman Brown's attitude is construed to mean that the state committee is still favorable to Foraker. At the last state convention the committee was 14 to 7 for Foraker. The politicians say that the "practical" significance of this decision is that further time is to be allowed for the possibility of President Roosevelt's support of the Taft boom relaxing. All well-poised Ohio politicians say that there is nothing to the Taft boom but Roosevelt. Without the President's support Secretary Taft, they say, would have only a sentiment—a kind affectionate and in every way complimentary sentiment, to be sure, but lacking the foundation of practical politics. Secretary Taft, they point out, has not been associated with the Ohio politics, while Senator Foraker has been a militant figure in the political arena for more than a quarter of a century. Secretary Taft held office, but it is asserted they have been appointive and not elective, whereas Senator Foraker has won his at the polls of the legislature in the bitterest kinds of political charges and defense of the trenches.

The Ohio men agree that President Roosevelt will have to stick to his candidate, and work for him in season and out of season. In order to keep up the Taft end, but they realize the possibility of many things happening in the next twelve months, before the contest is to come to issue, and in the meantime the President may have to change allegiance. They say that the moment he gets from under Taft's Taft boom is at an end.

LEAVES FOR ILLINOIS.

Speaker Cannon Shy About Discussing Presidential Possibilities.

Ex-Speaker and Speaker-prospective Cannon left this afternoon at 1:30 for his home in Danville, Ill. He was as chipper and spry as could be, looking vastly improved after his trip to the capitol, and had the aspect of a man who could do right smart of running himself when it comes to a presidential race.

But he blushes like a girl when you mention presidential politics to him, and tries to change the subject. However, he is going down to Springfield to see "the boys" in the legislature, before it adjourns, with it's dollars to doughnuts that some enthusiast from Sangamon county raises a whoop for Cannon that will start things.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Jay Gould Defeated Page in Three Straight Sets.

LONDON, April 30.—Jay Gould won the semi-final in the international amateur tennis championship games today, defeating Page in three straight sets—6-0, 6-2. Page was outclassed by the young American, before it adjourns, with Gould and Pennell, the champion of 1904, will meet in the final tomorrow.

SPOONER'S SUCCESSOR.

Ninth Ballot Resulted in No Choice at Madison Today.

MADISON, Wis., April 30.—Ninth ballot for United States senator taken in joint assembly today resulted in no choice, and no change from previous votes. Of the leading republican candidates Lenroot, Esch and Stephens each received 19 votes, while Copper and Hatten received 18 and 16 respectively.

Severe Snow Storm in Michigan.

DETROIT, Mich., April 30.—A severe snow storm is prevailing today over the upper part of the lower peninsula of Michigan, with high, cold winds. It is not believed that the snow and cold will cause much damage to fruit or vegetation, as the weather has been so cold that everything is backward.

LEAVE THE BINDERY

Over Two Hundred Dismissals From Government Printery.

INCLUDING MEN AND WOMEN

Fatigue Scene When Yellow Envelopes Were Delivered.

STATEMENT BY PUBLIC PRINTER

His Action Regarded as an Absolute Necessity. Due to Condition of the Work.

Consternation reigned at the government printing office today when a sweeping dismissal of employees of the bindery was made by Public Printer Stillings. The fatal yellow envelopes containing the dismissals from the service were handed to 204 workers. These included 102 journeymen bookbinders and 102 women employees.

When the women received their dismissals it was said some pathetic scenes were witnessed. Many of them had worked in the government printing office for years. In explanation of the dismissal of the charge, Mr. Stillings made the following statement: "The amendments to the laws governing the printing and binding of government reports and congressional documents enacted by the last Congress have caused such a falling off of work for the employees of the bindery division of the government printing office that the public printer was today forced to make drastic reductions, by the dismissal of 102 journeymen bookbinders and 102 women employees, mostly sewers and gold workers."

He also stated that the forced reduction of employees was the most unpleasant duty he has had to perform since he took charge of the government printing office, and that it was a duty he could not shirk, and that he had delayed it just as long as it was possible for him to do so, making every effort to secure work to keep these people busy. He said the work in the bindery has been steadily decreasing in the past twelve months, and to postpone the dismissals he had instituted brief furloughs among the employees, hoping that the work would ultimately increase to such proportions that the reduction of the force might be avoided.

Dismissals Were Inevitable.

However, the work did not increase, and hence the dismissals were inevitable. They were held off until warm weather, which would mitigate much of the distress of those whose services have been dispensed with, which had they occurred in the winter months, would have made it much harder for them. Another advantageous point is that the leave of absence earned during the present fiscal year is payable in cash to all employees and will be of some immediate assistance to them.

In postponing the reduction of the force of the bindery, the public printer ascertained by careful observation the actual state of affairs, he said. Because of the settled conditions he delayed the appointment of the foreman of binding until he had been in the office long enough to know the general conditions and not specific conditions at any one time in the bindery.

The dismissals have been made after very careful deliberation, he said, "largely with the view, so far as the women employees are concerned, of obviating the large part of the public printer's bill, because of the fact that there have been practically two people to one person's work, the result that earnings were cut in halves. "To adjust a situation like this is a very difficult matter, as can be readily perceived, and the public printer felt that the fairest solution is the fairest to the government and to the employees. Notwithstanding it brings a heartache to those who have been dismissed, it absolutely could not be avoided."

IMPROVEMENT OF STREAMS.

Discussion Resumed by the Inland Waterways Commission.

The inland waterways commission met at 10 o'clock this morning in the office of the secretary of the interior, to discuss the report of the committee on the improvement of the rivers and harbors committee of the House of Representatives. All members of the commission were present, and the work of the commission was resumed. Most of the time was spent discussing questions relating to the connection between the nature of the supply and the deposits of silt and sediment in the rivers and harbors. Different forms of river improvements and methods of treatment of various rivers to improve navigation were also discussed. The committee is authorized to make a study of the matter, and the commission will meet again tomorrow.

STILL AFTER SWETTENHAM.

British Officials Continue to Probe the Kingston Incident.

LONDON, April 30.—In giving a definite refusal to furnish the house with further correspondence exchanged between the ex-governor of Jamaica, Sir Alexander Swettenham, and the colonial office, Mr. Churchill, stated in the house of commons this afternoon that the only point upon which fault was officially found with Sir Alexander was in regard to the propriety of his letter to Rear Admiral Davis.

The propriety of the governor's action in dispensing with the services of the American naval contingent was never called into question, and, therefore, to set forth the governor's reasons for so doing would not serve any useful purpose, but rather the contrary.

Mr. Churchill was asked to publish Rear Admiral Davis' letter to Rear Admiral Evans in regard to the Swettenham incident, which the questioners intimated, directly exonerated Swettenham from the charge of having quarreled with Davis; but the under secretary pointed out that obviously was not within the province of the British government to publish letters exchanged between officers of the United States navy.

Fog Delayed Shipping Around Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va., April 30.—As the result of a continuous fog over lower Chesapeake bay and at the Virginia capes since night before last, the United States steamer observer at Cape Henry has found it impossible to distinguish vessels passing in and out of the capes. The fog last night was more dense than ever, and Chesapeake bay steamers generally were delayed going and coming. All Washington and Baltimore steamers were late in their arrival here today. Outbound steamers found it well-nigh impossible to proceed after Old Point Comfort was reached last evening, and several of these remained tied up at the Fort Monroe pier all night, starting for Washington, Baltimore and other points at an early hour this morning.

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